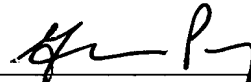


**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and Allowance of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested. Claim 122 has been slightly amended. It became understood after the filing of the Amendment on August 9, 2005 that the sub steps recited in claim 122 related only to the orthogonal transform and not to the entire coding process. Therefore the claim has been appropriately limited.

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